

Mass Intentions from March 22-28, 2025

Sat. Mar 22/4:30 p.m.	Deceased members of Anthony & Nelson families - Rose Anthony	
Sun. Mar 23/10:00 a.m.	Nick Baird Maragatham Beryl Fahey Doreen Chartier Filomena Giambattista Lucia Zavaglia & Franco Simonetta Eileen Shanahan Valentina, Francesco & Carlo Cicchino	-Teresa Baird - Nathan family - Sheila Fahey - Mia & Tony Khoriaty - Pittarelli family - D. Romano - Shanahan & Scott family - Nick Cicchino

Wed. Mar 26/10:00 a.m. Francesco Nardi, Francesco Andreacchi & Giovanni - E Nardi

Thu. Mar 27/10:00 a.m. Nick Baird - Teresa Baird

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Divine Mercy Devotion 9:30 to 10:00 am

Fri. Mar 28/10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Baird, Shanahan, Scott,
Ryan, Malone, Faherty, McGarry & Kostner Family - Teresa Baird

Meditations on the Stations of the Cross after the 10:00 am mass. St. Patricks SQ: Stations of the Cross 4 pm.

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT (Year C)

“Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.”

First Reading (Exodus 3:1-8. 13-15)

Moses, you will tell the children of Israel: I AM has sent me to you.

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 10:1-6. 10-12)

We are asked to learn from the lessons of the past.

Gospel (Luke 13:1-9) Unless you turn back to GOD, you will perish as they did.

Reflection:

Disasters in the scriptures are seen by Jesus not as punishment by God for our misdemeanors but events that call us to reflect on how much we live our lives in full commitments to God.

St Paul wants us to take the events of the history of Israel as a warning as to what may happen to us Christians if we are not faithful to God and do not keep God's ways.

Jesus asks us to be more sensitive to the needs of our world and of each other. He asks us to be more imaginative in the ways we seek to help to secure the world as a better place to live, whether it be in the way we take care of our environment or how we support those who struggle in any way. It ties in with his frequent admonition to his disciples: “Stay awake, for you do not know either the day or hour.”

We are the presence of Christ in our world.

May you realize the gift of faith that God has given you and may you respond to that faith by living a life which produces GOOD fruit!

HELPING THE NEEDY FAMILIES IN OUR PARISH

Dear Parishioners, through your generosity St. Richards was able to prepare 30 food baskets during Christmas 2024, for the needy and newly arrived families in the Mosaic School in our parish.

These families and a few more with children are still facing hardship. During this Lenten season and all year round,

let us follow Jesus teaching

“What you do unto your brother you do for me”.

Within your means if you can help, St. Richards wishes to give food vouchers to these families for Easter.

Please use the specially marked brown envelopes at the back of the church for your donation until Palm Sunday, April 13th.

As always ...thank you for helping your fellow parishioners.

Canadian Catholic Organization for Development & Peace (Lent 2025) Theme : “TURN DEBT INTO HOPE”

Through their prayers, fasting and almsgiving during Lent, Christians express their desire to turn toward God and to all God's Children in preparation for Easter.

The Bishops of Canada have reserved the Season of Lent for collection to assist the Global South. Normally this collection is held on the 5th Sunday in Lent for Development & Peace. (April 6th, 2025)

A special collection to assist the Global South.

“So many people even today hope to have enough to eat.

The planet has food for all, but the will to share with everyone seems to be lacking. To prepare the table for all, and to ask that there be one table for all. Doing whatever we can so that everyone has food, but also reminding that world's powerful that God will call them to be judged one day, and it will be demonstrated whether they truly tried to provide food for Him in each person and whether they acted in order that the environment would not be destroyed but would be able to produce food.”

Sunday April 6th a second collection will be taken for Development & Peace. Please use the envelope provided in your box.

Week 3: March 23 (Due to space, week 1 & 2 were not in the bulletin)

External debt and ecological debt: Who owes whom?

Peru is facing an ecological debt crisis as extractive industries, often foreign-owned, plunder its natural resources, harming the environment and human rights.

These industries contribute to the unjust enrichment of the Global North at the expense of the Global South. Thus, as countries in the Global South incur financial debts that further impoverish them, they are owed a mounting ecological debt by the Global North that is never settled.

Our partners, the Episcopal Commission for Social Action (CEAS) and the Institute Bartolomé de Las Casas (IBC) work closely with affected communities, advocating for justice and sustainable alternatives.

This Lent, discover the work of CEAS and IBC by reading our [Mini-magazine](#) and watching our testimonial video at [devp.org/lent](#).

CALENDAR AND PRAYER CARDS ARE AT THE BACK.

Next Sunday a representative from D&P will be presenting their campaign for 2025.



What Lent means to me

Lent is a time for penance and repentance, for almsgiving and prayer, for working to change attitudes that are not pleasing to GOD.

The Gospel is GOD's “love letter”

to the world, written on a cross, sealed in blood and opened in the resurrection. It is a letter to be read to the entire world:

Lent is a time of spiritual re-birth.

We are given the opportunity to focus on what is essential in our relationship with our God. That which is dead and non-productive must be removed and buried so that new life which comes from the death and resurrection of Jesus can have an effect in our lives.

If we make Good use of these 40 days, we will be able to celebrate the paschal mystery of our salvation during the Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil.

Lenten Reflection

If we wish to change the outer aspects of our lives we must first change the inner attitudes of our minds.

The miracle of inner change is possible.

Change requires the substituting of new habits for old ones. It calls for self-discipline.

You have to command yourself and make yourself do what needs to be done.

The change of heart to which Lent calls us can be accomplished most of all through the power of prayer.

Lord, as the Spirit led you into the desert to face temptation, so may that same spirit guide us this Lent as we seek to follow your way more faithfully.



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week giving thanks to the Lord.

Collection for March 16 was \$ 1133.55
Thank you for your contribution.